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Chairman Gruenberg-

Please do not grant the opportunity to Wal-Mart to extend their already dangerous monopoly over American business. Already their megalopolis of a store has driven countless of local stores out of neighborhoods. This latest attempt to add a financial institution would mean a similar fate for small banks and surely would provide slim loan opportunities for potentially competitive small businesses. They have not earned our trust as a corporation in the slightest. My hometown community in Portland, Oregon, is in the midst of a heated battle to keep this monster from the further standardization and conglomeration of our lives and I speak for all of us when I say please, do not let them to augment their already formidable power. Strike a blow for the people and refuse Wal-Mart the right to form its own bank.

Sincerely,

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